

MONTANA CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CENTER

POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

Policy Subject: Autoclaving Stainless Steel Medical Equipment	
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PURPOSE:

To maintain a supply of properly cleaned and disinfected stainless steel equipment (bedpans, basins and urinals).

POLICY:

This facility has an agreement with St. James Healthcare Central Supply to autoclave/disinfect the reusable, stainless steel equipment that becomes contaminated with patient use.

PROCEDURE:

- I. Clean bedpans, basins and urinals will be stored in a clean area. The clean area designated for storage is the lower cupboard behind the second floor nurses station.
- II. If a stainless steel item is used and becomes contaminated, the item is transported to the dirty utility room located on second floor. The staff transporting will have on gloves and any other protective equipment that the situation indicates. The item will be washed with hospital strength disinfectant, rinsed with water, and placed on the shelving.
- III. Because of the infrequent use of the stainless steel equipment, it is the nursing staff responsibility to monitor when there is a need to send items to St. James Healthcare Central Supply. If there are items that need autoclaving, the nurse will call St. James Healthcare Central Supply to schedule a time of when to bring up items to their facility to be autoclaved.
- VI. All washed items should be inventoried and placed in plastic bags and sealed. The nurse will notify the transportation officer. The transportation officer will pick up the bagged items and take them to St. James Central Supply for processing.
- IV. The following day, the transportation officer will pick up the items from St. James Healthcare and return them to MCDC. The nursing staff will put away the items in the designated clean area behind the second floor nurses station.

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